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A Praise Service

"Awake, my soul! not only passive praise
Thou owest! not alone these swelling tears,
Mute thanks, and secret ecstasy! Awake,
Voice of sweet song! Awake, my heart, awake!
Green vales and icy cliffs, all join my hymn.
. . . tell thou the silent sky,
And tell the stars, and tell yon rising sun,
Earth, with her thousand voices, praises God."

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THE KING OF GLORY.

LEADER.—"Sing unto God, sing praises to His name: extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name Jah, and rejoice before Him."—Psalm 68: 4.

Singing—

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Responsive Reading—

LEADER.—"*Honor* and *majesty* are before Him: *strength* and *beauty* are in His sanctuary."—Psalm 96: 6.

RESPONSE.—"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee."—Psalm 67: 3.

LEADER.—"Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the *glory* of the Lord."—Psalm 138: 5.

RESPONSE.—"Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted."—Isaiah 12: 4.

LEADER.—"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His *greatness* is unsearchable."—Psalm 145: 3.

RESPONSE.—"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee."—Psalm 67: 3.

LEADER.—"Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in *holiness*, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"—Ex. 15: 11.

RESPONSE.—"My praise shall be continually of Thee."—Psalm 71: 6.

LEADER.—"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His *mercy* endureth forever."—Psalm 118: 1.

RESPONSE.—"Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee."—Psalm 67: 3.

LEADER.—"Ah, Lord God! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great *power* and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee."—Jeremiah 32: 17.

RESPONSE.—"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handy work."—Psalm 19: 1.

LEADER.—"Who is this King of glory?"—Psalm 24: 10.

RESPONSE.—"The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory."—Psalm 24: 10.

ALL.—"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."—Psalm 24: 7.

Prayer—"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me."—Psalm 50 : 23.

Singing, ... 8s, 7s, D.

Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven ;
Earth is with Thy fullness stored ;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy Lord !
Heaven is still with anthems ringing ;
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
Holy, holy, holy, singing,
Lord of hosts, Thou Lord most high.

Ever thus in God's high praises,
Brethren, let our tongues unite,
While our thoughts His greatness raises,
And our love His gifts excite :
With His seraph train before Him,
With His holy church below,
Thus unite we to adore Him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow.

Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven ;
Earth is with its fullness stored ;
Unto Thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy Lord !
Thus Thy glorious name confessing,
We adopt the angels' cry,
Holy, holy, holy, blessing
Thee, the Lord our God most high !

THE GIFT OF GOD.

Responsive Reading by the Woman's Missionary Society.

LEADER.—"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3 : 16.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY.—"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people,

"And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David."—Luke 1 : 68, 69.

LEADER.—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."—Eph. 1 : 3.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY.—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

"To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."—I. Peter 1: 3-5.

LEADER.—"Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate.

"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."—Hebrews 13 : 12, 15.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY.—"Blessing and honor, and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."—Rev. 5 : 13.

LEADER.—"Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."—Acts 5 : 31.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY.—"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."—II. Cor. 9 : 15.

Reading by member of the C. E. Society.

Praise ye the Lord for all His loving kindness,
And all the tender mercies He hath shown:
Praise Him who pardons all our sin and blindness,
And calls us sons, and takes us for His own.

Praise ye Jehovah! source of every blessing,
Before His gifts earth's richest gifts are dim:
Resting in Him, His peace and love possessing,
All things are ours, for we have all in Him.

Praise ye the Lord! God the Lord, who gave us,
With full and perfect love, His only Son;
Praise ye the Son, who died Himself to save us,
Praise ye the Spirit! praise the Three in One.

Singing—

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love!
The love of God to me;
It brought my Saviour from above,
To die on Calvary.

THE GIVER OF ALL.

Responsive Reading by Band or Jr. C. E., led by Supt. or President.

LEADER.—"O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory."—Psalm 98: 1.

BAND.—"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation."—Psalm 68: 19.

LEADER.—"Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion."—Psalm 103: 22.

BAND.—"He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.
"They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.
"He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that He may bring forth food out of the earth.
"The trees of the Lord are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon which He hath planted;
"Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
"He appointed the moons for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down."—Psalm 104: 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19.

LEADER.—"O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches."—Psalm 104: 24.

BAND.—"So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
"There go the ships; there is that leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein.
"These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season."—Psalm 104: 25, 26, 27.

LEADER.—"The glory of the Lord shall endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in His works."—Psalm 104: 31.

BAND.—"He looketh on the earth and it trembleth; He toucheth the hills, and they smoke."—Psalm 104: 32.

ALL.—"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."—Psalm 104: 33.

Singing—

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer—"Prayer is not all request and supplication. We ought not to speak to God merely and only when we want some favor from His hand. *Much of all true prayer is adoration and praise.*"

PRAISE FOR NATIONAL PRESERVATION.

By C. E. Society.

Singing—

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my father's died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring!

LEADER.—"It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give us."—Deut. 1: 25.

RESPONSE.—"He hath not dealt so with any nation."—Psalm 147 : 20.

Singing—

My native country, thee—
Land of the noble, free—
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

LEADER.—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—Psalm 46 : 1.

RESPONSE.—"He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder: He burneth the chariot in the fire."—Psalm 46 : 9.

Singing—

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song :
Let mortal tongues awake ;
Let all that breathe partake ;
Let rocks their silence break,—
The sound prolong.

Paper—Recounting briefly the national perils that have been averted during the past year, and the causes of thanksgiving and praise in the national life.

Singing—

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing :
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light ;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King !

LEADER.—"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance."—Psalm 33: 12.

RESPONSE.—"O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth."—Psalm 67: 4.

Prayer— Praise for our country's preservation.

Singing, ... C. M.

Lord of the nations, thus to Thee
Our country we commend;
Be thou her refuge and her trust,
Her everlasting friend.

PRAISE BY WORKS.

THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

[It is desirable that these sub-topics be amplified by members of the various organizations represented at the meeting. See *Home Mission Monthly*, September, 1899.]

Praise for (1) the faithful workers in the field, (2) the strong army "Holding the rope" at home, (3) new work in Porto Rico, (4) the beginning of work among the foreigners: "In one year as many strangers came to the United States as there are people in Idaho, Arizona, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and Washington." (5) The wondrous spread of the work in the Laurel country, N. C., and the great awakening in the whole mountain region that causes a steady call for more workers, (6) new work among the Indians of Neah Bay, and "Presbyterian Indian work aglow with resultant gleams," (7) a native ordained pastor at Saxman, Alaska, (8) an advance in the work among the Mexicans, (9) two schools reopened among the Mormons.

Chain of Prayers—Let each topic be mentioned.

Singing, ... 161, The Hymnal.

O Saviour, precious Saviour,
Whom yet unseen we love,
O Name of might and favor,
All other names above;

We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our Holy Lord and King.

O Bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought;

We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and power Divine:
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God is Thine;

We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our glorious Lord and King.

Responsive Reading—

LEADER.—"But go, tell His disciples and Peter."—Mark 16 : 7.

RESPONSE.—"The joyful news must not be kept, but must be carried to the other sorrowing friends of Jesus, and must be carried quickly. There must not be a moment lost. The happy women must not sit down together in mere personal enjoyment of the blessed news; there were others in the darkness of sorrow, and to those they must hasten with the gladness. We must not forget in our joy of Christian faith that there are others who have none of this joy; our mission is to carry the news, and to rejoice as we go on our way."

LEADER.—"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."—John 15 : 8.

Singing, ... Tune, C. M.

We hear the call; in dreams no more,
In selfish ease we lie,
But, girded for our Father's work,
Go forth beneath His sky.

PRAISE BY GIFTS.

Offerings—

LEADER.—"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."—I. Cor. 16 : 2.

RESPONSE.—"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."—II. Cor. 8 : 12.

LEADER.—"Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord."—I. Chron. 29 : 9.

RESPONSE.—"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase."—Prov. 3 : 9.

C. E. SOCIETY.—"First fruits should be thus specially set apart. There is a tacit appeal to our gratitude in the suggestion of them—the very word implies bounty received and bounty in prospect. Something of gladness, too, seems always implied. 'The day of the first fruits' was to be a day of rejoicing."

WOMAN'S SOCIETY.—"It may be self-denial to us to turn away from something within reach of our purse which it would be very convenient or pleasant to possess. But if the Master lifted the veil, and revealed Himself standing at our side, and let us hear His audible voice asking us to reserve the price of it for His treasury, should we talk about self-denial then? Should we not be utterly ashamed to think of it? or rather, should we, for one instant, think about self or self-denial at all? Would it not be an unimaginable joy to do what He asked us to do with that money?"

BAND— "God bends from out the deep, and says,
'I gave thee of my seed to sow;
Bringest thou Me my hundred-fold?'
Can I look up with face aglow,
And answer, 'Father, here is gold?'"

Solo—

Holy offerings, rich and rare,
Offerings of praise and prayer,
Purer life and purpose high,
Clasped hands, uplifted eye,
Lowly acts of adoration
To the God of our salvation—
On His altar laid we leave them:
Christ, present them! God, receive them!

To the Father, and the Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One,
Though our mortal weakness raise
Offerings of imperfect praise,
Yet with hearts bowed down most lowly,
Crying, Holy! Holy! Holy!
On Thine altar laid we leave them:
Christ, present them! God, receive them!

Recitation while Offering is presented.

GOD'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

One-tenth of ripened grain,
One-tenth of tree and vine,
One-tenth of all the yield
From ten-tenths of rain and shine.

One-tenth of lowing herds,
That browse on hill and plain,
One-tenth of bleating flocks,
For ten-tenths shine and rain.

One-tenth of all increase
From counting-room and mart;
One-tenth that science yields,
One-tenth of every art.

One-tenth of loom and press;
One-tenth of mill and mine,
One-tenth of every craft
Wrought out by gifts of Thine.

One-tenth of glowing words,
That glowing dollars hold;
One-tenth of written thoughts
That turn to shining gold.

One-tenth! And dost Thou, Lord,
But ask this meager loan,
When all this earth is Thine,
And all we have Thine own!

LEADER.—"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth."—Psalm 34 : 1.

RESPONSE.—"And blessed be His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen."—Psalm 72 : 19.

Singing, ... S. M.

Once more, before we part,
Oh, bless the Saviour's name!
Let every tongue and every heart
Adore and praise the same.

Lord, in Thy grace we came,
That blessing still impart;
We met in Jesus' sacred name,
In Jesus' name we part.

Still on Thy holy word
Help us to feed, and grow,
Still to go on to know the Lord,
And practice what we know.

Now, Lord, before we part,
Help us to bless Thy name:
Let every tongue and every heart
Adore and praise the same.

ALL.—"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

"To the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."—Jude 24, 25.

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